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# Grand jury calls for abolition of Hanceville PD; 6 arrested



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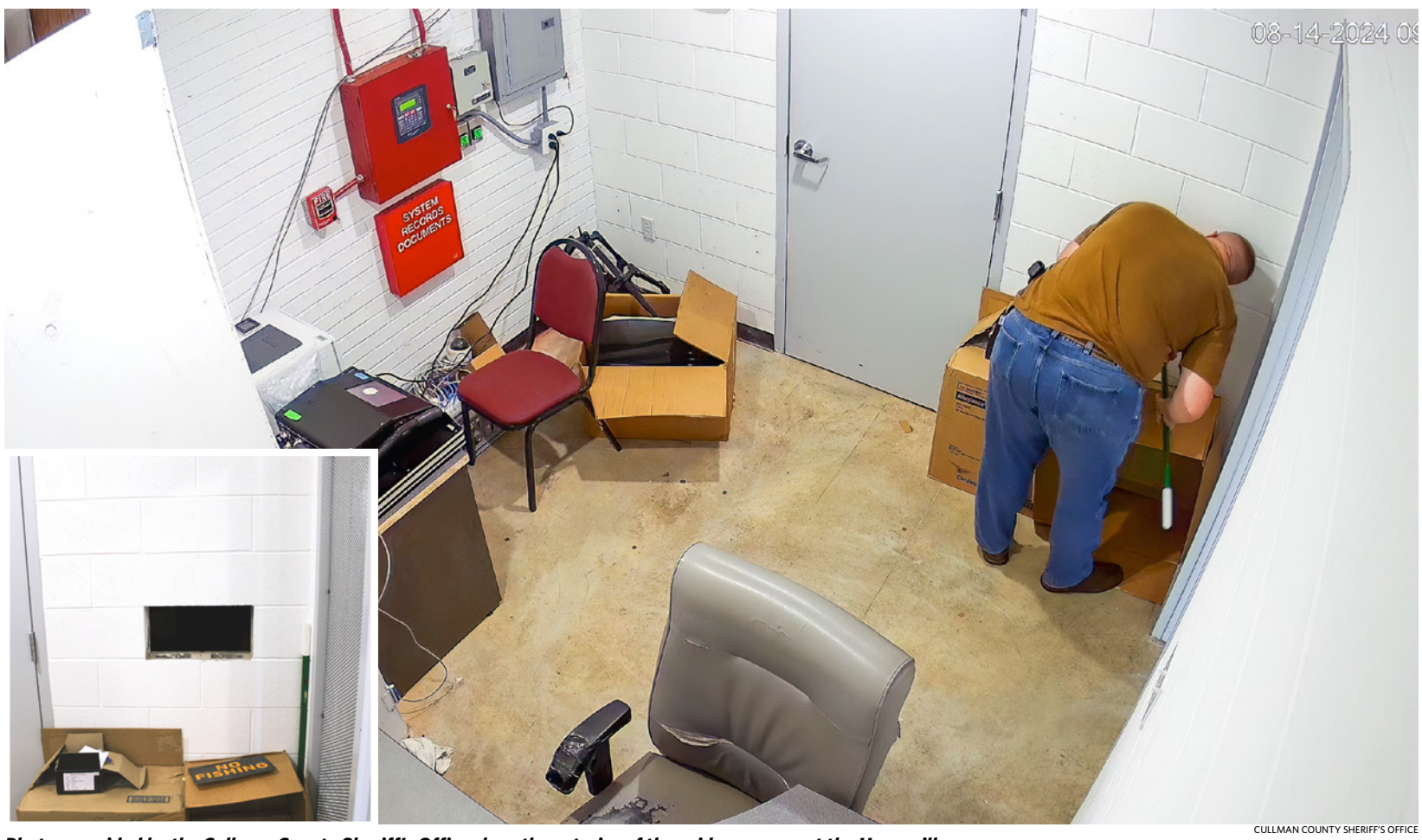
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***William Andrew Shelnutt***



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***Cody Alan Kelso***




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***Photos provided by the Cullman County Sheriff's Office show the exterior of the evidence room at the Hanceville Police Department and how officers would allegedly access the room illegally.***

**Lauren Estes, Nick Griffin**
The Cullman Tribune

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Five Hanceville Police Department officers and one spouse of an officer were indicted by a grand jury and arrested recently following an investigation into the August 2024 death of dispatcher Christopher Michael Willingham, 49. The grand jury also recommended the Hanceville Police Department be abolished.

The arrests were announced Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025, at a press conference with Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker and Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry.

According to pathology and toxicology reports issued by the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences, which conducted the victim's autopsy, Willingham died from the combined toxic effects of "fentanyl, gabapentin, diazepam, amphetamine, carisoprodol and methocarbamol."

The reports were released to the media earlier Wednesday morning by Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick, who wrote in an email, "Christopher Michael Willingham 49 of Cullman was found deceased in his office at the Hanceville Police Department on 8/23/2024 shortly after 11 am. He was last seen alive on 8/22/2024. Mr Willingham was sent for an autopsy at ADFS Huntsville Lab."

**The six people charged are:**

**Officer Cody Alan Kelso**

• Two counts of computer tampering » PAGE 4




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***Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, left, and Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker, right, are seen at a press conference on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025.***




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CRIME

# Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 19

**Cullman Tribune staff**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 19, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**INCIDENTS**

**Feb. 13**
- burglary; CR 437
- domestic violence; CR 1763
- theft of property; CR 110
- domestic violence; CR 1165
- domestic violence; CR 1725
- theft of property; CR 1456
- criminal mischief; CR 1338

**Feb. 14**
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 397
- burglary; Hwy. 91
- possession of dangerous drugs; tampering with physical evidence; Hwy. 157

**Feb. 15**
- giving false name to avoid arrest; CR 702
- dog bite; Hwy. 157
- attempt to elude law enforcement officer; CR 216
- theft of property; burglary; Hwy. 69N
- altering title; CR 517
- theft of property; CR 940
- theft of property; CR 1397

**Feb. 16**
- domestic violence; CR 1282
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69N
- discharging firearm into unoccupied vehicle; CR 134
- theft of property; CR 2110
- theft of property; criminal mischief; Ryan Rd.

**Feb. 17**
- harassing communications; CR 19
- harassing communications; CR 16
- burglary; CR 1735
- burglary; CR 829

**ARRESTS**

**Feb. 13-16**

**Collins, Floyd S.; 50**
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

**Copeland, Robyn E.; 34**
- FTA – driving while license suspended

**Davis, Ronnie S.; 53**
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

**Gaddis, Jennifer A.; 40**
- FTA – assault-harassment
- FTA – resisting arrest
- FTA – public intoxication
- FTA – disorderly conduct/disturbing peace/affray
- FTA – exposure or lewd act in public
- FTA – no seat belt
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance

**Haney, William R.; 46**
- DUI (alcohol)

**Hanners, Joshua E.; 36**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – drug trafficking
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – possession of drug paraphernalia
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – tampering with physical evidence
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – driving while license suspended
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – no plainly visible tag
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – operating vehicle without insurance
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – switched tag

**Haynes, Elijah K.; 24**
- public intoxication

**Johnson, Brandi M.; 36**
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – burglary-residence-no force
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – possession of drug paraphernalia
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – possession of dangerous drugs
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – obstructing justice using a false identity

**Lorino, Jennifer L.; 49**
- DRUG COURT SANCTION – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- DRUG COURT SANCTION – possession of drug paraphernalia
- DRUG COURT SANCTION – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- DRUG COURT SANCTION – possession of dangerous drugs

**Magnuson, Joseph I.; 21**
- DUI (alcohol)

**Miller, Michael T.; 53**
- negotiating worthless instrument

**Morris, Anna E.; 23**
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

**Overton, Dustin D.; 28**
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer
- FTA – criminal trespass
- FTA – fail stop sign
- FTA – failure to signal

**Scruggs, Ben C.; 37**
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

**Shepard, Jonathan F.; 23**
- harassing communications

**Sherrell, Cameron D.; 27**
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- resisting arrest
- FTA – governmental operations

**Watson, Sally M.; 42**
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**Feb. 13**
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '18 Subaru Outback; $1,500; Hwy. 157

**Feb. 14**
- harassment; person; Lincoln Ave. SW

**Feb. 15**
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW

**Feb. 17**
- theft of property-2nd degree; person; medication; Denson Ave. SW
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '18 Toyota Camry; $1,000; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; person; tag; $200
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $52; Olive St. SW

**Feb. 18**
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-3rd degree; BHT Resources; miscellaneous; $788; 4th St. SW
- harassing communications; person
- domestic violence; person; 3rd St. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree; criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; Marie St. NW

**ARRESTS**

**Feb. 17-18**

**Nail, Jonathan T.; 41**
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Sansing, Ashley D.; 36**
- FTA – fail to register vehicle
- FTA – driving while suspended

**Wright, Keith L.; 25**
- theft of property-4th degree

**Brown, Anthony A.; 47**
- theft of property-4th degree

**Moore, Landon A.; 31**
- theft of property-4th degree

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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# Cullman City School Board meeting notes: February

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — At its monthly meeting on Feb. 18, the Cullman City School Board recognized multiple individuals and groups for their accomplishments.

Cynthia Parker, Cullman Middle School secretary of 19 years, was honored for her professionalism, kindness and efficiency. Seventh-grade math teacher Brett Hazelrigs was recognized for his commitment to student success. Cullman Middle School student Reagan Blackwood was celebrated for achieving the second highest GPA in her class and for involvement with multiple school organizations. East Elementary student Talyn McClendon was honored for winning the 2025 Cullman County Spelling Bee. He will compete in the Alabama State Spelling Bee on March 22 at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The board reported that efforts are being made to expand the Cullman Band program by incorporating sixth and seventh graders into the beginning band program.

Cullman High School Theatre was recognized for its accomplishments. The program won "Best in Show" at the Walter Trumbauer Festival for its performance of "The Old Man and the Moon." The board said the students have been invited to represent Alabama at the Southeastern Theatre Conference festival in March.

In addition to this prestigious award, they also received awards for best lighting design, sound design and individual acting awards. The department also won "Best in Show" at the Alabama Thespian Festival, which paved the way for them to take part in the June International Thespian Festival in Bloomington, Indiana.

After recognitions, the board approved the December 2024 financial report, various personnel changes and action items. It reported that revenue is slightly ahead of projections, while expenditures remain on track.

The school system has multiple events on the horizon, with spring assessments scheduled for March 11, the ACT for 11th graders and testing for grades 2-8 in April. The Cullman City Schools Job Fair is set for March 20 at Cullman City Primary School.

A recent professional development day titled "Red, White and Rebooted" provided faculty with technology training, and, finally, resurfacing of the high school track is set to begin in early May and finish around mid-June.

The next Cullman City School Board meeting will take place March 18, at 5 p.m. at East Elementary.

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**Music Every Thursday Night in February at the Bethel Community Center**
4-8 p.m. at the center, just off U.S. Highway 278, west of Cullman on County Road 1117. Bluegrass, gospel and country music. Musicians are welcome with acoustic instruments only. Covered dish supper and everyone is invited. Please join us! No entry fee, but donations are appreciated for building upkeep.

**Grief Support Group**
Every Sunday at 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 615 Third Ave. SE. Contact Reverend Warren Ruland at 256-962 2521.

**Cullman County Republican Women Monthly Meetings**
Second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman VFW. President Cathi Bradford: "We are going to begin training to track legislation in Montgomery. If you need information, you can directly message me on Facebook." Full meals at 5:30. Meetings start at 6.

**The Crossing Food Bank**
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman (in the Housing Authority).

**Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings**
Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502.

**Baileyton Bargain Days**
First Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

**Alcoholics Anonymous**
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

**TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings**
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

**Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings**
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

**Cullman Al-Anon Meetings**
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

**The Pantry at The Link**
- 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
- Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

**Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD**
- 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- Friday, Feb. 21 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
- Sunday, Feb. 23 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

**Youth Rally**
Sunday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m. At the Foot of the Cross Church, 2.25 miles north of Alabama Highway 157 on Eva Road. Tyler Williams and Ryan Wilburn preaching. Please join us for a great time in the Lord.

**At the Foot of the Cross Church 4th Annual Homecoming**
Saturday, March 1, at 2 p.m. at the church, 2101 County Road 1435 in Vinemont. Joyful Hearts, Short Creek Gospel Trio and Family Tradition will be bringing music! Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided! Come join us for a wonderful day in the Lord!

**Holly Pond Lions Club Annual Beans and Greens Dinner**
Saturday, March 8, from 4-7 p.m. at the Holly Pond Lions Club. Donations only. Proceeds will benefit our community service projects. We hope to see you there. Thank you in advance for your support. We will accept donated canned and non-perishable food items to benefit the food pantry located between Holly Pond Town Hall and the Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department. Drop them off at the food pantry or when you join us at the Beans and Greens Dinner on March 8.

**United Way of Cullman County Crawfish Boil 2025**
Friday, March 14, from 5-7 p.m. at Goat Island Brewing. $50 all you can eat. Join us for an evening of fun, food and giving back! The bayou-bred team from Hank's Sports Bar will be boiling up fresh crawfish and veggies right on-site! Goat Island Brewing will be serving the perfect drafts to pair with your meal. Featuring the Rally Stripe Band! Get tickets at https://tinyurl.com/crawfishtix.

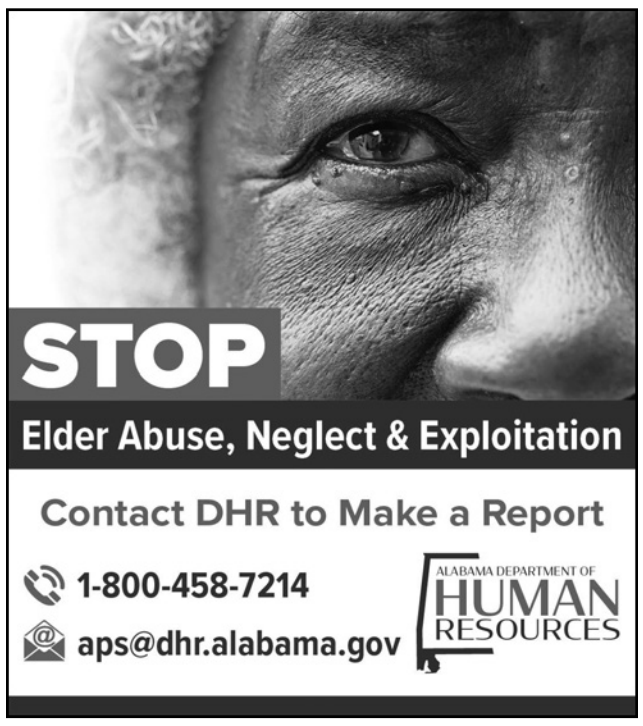
**Fused Glass Art Class**
Tuesday, March 18, at 12:30 p.m. at the Cullman Senior Center. 60 and older. For $22 per person, participants can make a fused glass flowerpot magnet to take home. Seating for the class, taught by Kimberly Love, is limited, so sign up soon. Sign up at https://square.link/u/mdLS2ZtL or by stopping by the center. The Cullman Senior Center is located at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman. Get more info by calling 256-734-0145 or visiting Cullman Senior Center and Travel on Facebook.

**Ladies' Conference**
Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with lunch at noon. At The Foot Of The Cross Church, 2101 County Road 1435 in Vinemont. Guest speaker Kristy Garrison Harris: Trusting God through every season. There will be games and door prizes. Please join us.










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NORTHWEST REGIONAL

# Good Hope punches ticket back to Final 4 with 70-50 win over Deshler

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**HANCEVILLE, Ala. —** The defending 4A state champion Good Hope Lady Raiders handled Dora in the Sweet 16 last week to set up another huge postseason matchup with Deshler in the Northwest Regional finals on Tuesday. The Raiders and Tigers have had several intense battles over the last few years and Tuesday's contest was no different. Good Hope built a 12-point lead by halftime and cranked up the pressure on the defensive end in the second half, pulling away to collect a 70-50 win and punching their ticket back to the Final Four.

The Raiders outrebounded the Tigers 34-24 in the game and that was an emphasis for Head Coach Justin Aby and his staff as they prepared for this matchup.

"One of our assistant coaches pulled the stats from the last three times that we played Deshler and for the last three years, the team that won the rebounding battle won the game. I'm sitting here looking at the stats and tonight we won the rebounding battle," Aby said. "It was great for Coach (Nina) Moss to bring that up and she's been focused on it with them all week. They did a great job with it."

Four Raiders scored in double figures and Aby believes they're at their best when they play with that balance on the offensive end

"We were balanced. Obviously with Ava (McSwain) and her career, a lot of teams are going to be focused on guarding her, but we had six players with at least seven points and that's balance. When we're scoring like that and attacking like that, we become an extremely hard team to guard."

Deshler jumped out to an early lead but a basket from Ella Gossett and a pair of three-pointers from Lexi Marshall gave Good Hope an 8-6 lead later in the period. Jolee McHan scored through a foul and tacked on the free throw to make it 11-6 and Lucie Adams hit a pair of free throws to stretch the lead to 13-6 with one minute remaining in the first quarter. Marshall added one more basket before the end of the first to put the Lady Raiders in front 15-9 at the start of the second.

Three-pointers from Adams and Ava McSwain made it a 21-13 game early in the second quarter and Sophie Konrad followed with a three of her own to make it 24-15.

McSwain and Marshall scored off turnovers to add to the lead and Konrad scored the next five Raider points to extend the lead to 33-18 with less than three minutes to play in the first half. Adams scored the next four to make it a 37-21 game and after McSwain split a pair of free throws, Konrad sank a pair from the line in the finals seconds of the period to give Good Hope a 40-28 lead at halftime.

McSwain hit a turnaround jumper and a pair of free throws early in the third quarter to keep the Raiders ahead 44-33. Gossett and Konrad each drilled a pair from the line to maintain a 48-33 lead with two minutes to play in the third and McHan laid one in with just 15 seconds on the clock to make it a 50-35 game going into the fourth.

Baskets by McHan and McSwain kept Good Hope in front 54-37 early in the fourth quarter and after Gossett laid one in, Adams buried another three to make it 59-40. McSwain added a free throw and another jumper to give the Raiders a 17-point lead midway through the period and Gossett hit a pair of free throws to make it a 64-45 game. Marshall and Konrad wrapped things up at the free throw line in the final two minutes, securing a 70-50 win, back to back Northwest Regional Championships and a trip back to the Final Four.

Four players finished in double figures for Good Hope, led by McSwain and Konrad (seven rebounds) who each posted 15 points in the win. Marshall and Adams each added 12 points, Gossett finished with eight and McHan (seven rebounds) added seven.

Sophie Konrad and Lucie Adams both earned Northwest Regional All-Tournament honors and Ava McSwain was selected as Tournament MVP.

After four seniors from last year's state championship squad graduated, this year's team was eager to take on the challenge of defending the title.

"We lost four seniors off last year's team and all of them are playing in college now and doing extremely well for themselves, but this group almost took it as a challenge," Aby said. "They took it personal, and what people don't understand is these are the same girls that went up against those seniors every single day at practice. They go to see some of the best players in the state last year and that did nothing but make them better for later on."

Good Hope will face St. Michael Catholic in the 4A state semifinals in Birmingham next Tuesday at 3 p.m.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

***The Good Hope Lady Raiders defeated Deshler 70-50 on Tuesday to win this year's Northwest Regional title and advance to the Final Four.***

NORTHWEST REGIONAL

# Arab's season ends with Elite 8 loss to Scottsboro

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**HANCEVILLE, Ala. –** The Arabian Knights edged West Point 51-50 in the Sweet 16 last week to advance to the Elite Eight and they were back on the court Monday night to battle Scottsboro with a spot in the Final Four on the line. Unfortunately for the Arab crowd, the Wildcats got off to a fast start, building a 44-19 lead by halftime. The Knights rallied in the fourth quarter to cut the lead to down to 11 at one point but they couldn't overcome the early deficit and Arab's season came to an end with a 71-53 loss to Scottsboro.

Lily Livingston knocked down a three-pointer to give Arab an early, 3-2 lead but Scottsboro responded with 15 unanswered points to take a 17-3 lead midway through the first quarter. Livingston laid one in to stop the run and cut the lead to 17-5 and Maggie Chastain drilled a three to make it 19-8 later in the period. Lauren Lambert scored through a foul and tacked on the free throw to chip away at the lead and Hailey Price added another basket in the final minute of the first, but the Knights still trailed 25-13 going into the second.

A pair of Lambert baskets trimmed the lead to 29-17 early in the second quarter but it was all Scottsboro for the rest of the period. The Wildcats smothered Arab on the defensive end, scoring 12 straight points to build a 41-17 lead. Chastain laid one in to make it a 41-19 game with less than a minute remaining in the half, but Scottsboro knocked down a three on the other end to take a 44-19 lead into the locker room at the break.

Lambert laid one in, and Hailey Price scored through a foul and added the free throw to make it 46-24 early in the third quarter. A basket by Bennett Elrod and free throws from Chastain and Livingston helped trim the lead to 47-29 with two minutes remaining in the third. Livingston drilled another three before the end of the period to make it a 50-32 game going into the final frame.

A pair of baskets from Price cut the lead to 55-36 early in the fourth quarter and free throws from Julie Stapler and Chastain helped bring the lead down to 57-40. Elrod laid one in to bring the lead down to 15 later in the period and after splitting a pair of free throws, Lambert buried back to back three-pointers to cut the lead to 62-49. Another Elrod basket made it a 62-51 game with just over two minutes to play and after Scottsboro hit a three on the other end, Lexi Mann sank a pair of free throws to hold the lead to 65-53. Unfortunately, those were the final points of the season for Arab as the Wildcats pulled away to win it 71-53 and advance to the Final Four.

Lambert led the Knights with 16 points in the loss. Livingston posted 10, Price finished with nine and Chastain added eight.

Lily Livingston and Lauren Lambert both earned Northwest Regional All-Tournament team honors.

# Hanceville PD (from Front)

- Solicitation to commit a controlled substance crime
- Use of office for personal gain
- Tampering with physical evidence

**Officer Jason Scott Wilbanks**
- Two counts of computer tampering
- Two counts of use of office for personal gain
- Tampering with physical evidence
- Two counts of solicitation to commit a controlled substance crime

**Chief Jason Shane Marlin**
- Two counts of failure to report ethics crime
- Tampering with physical evidence

**Officer William Andrew Shelnutt**
- Tampering with physical evidence

**Officer Eric Michael Kelso**
- Four counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance
- Two counts conspiracy to unlawfully distribute a controlled substance

**Donna Reid Kelso (spouse)**
- Two counts unlawful distribution of a controlled substance
- Two counts conspiracy to unlawfully distribute a controlled substance

**Court documents distributed by the Cullman County District Attorney's Office said:**

"All charges are felonies with the exception of tampering with physical evidence, which is Class A misdemeanor.

"With today's indictments, these defendants find themselves on the opposite end of the laws they were sworn to uphold.

"Wearing a. badge .is a privilege and honor that most law enforcement officers take seriously. A badge is not a license to corrupt the administration of justice. These Hanceville Police officers' actions undermine the hard work of the entire law enforcement community across our great state.

"When law enforcement officers abuse their power they do irrevocable damage to the public's trust in law enforcement.

"Our law enforcement officers in Cullman County, and throughout Alabama, put their lives on the line every day to protect the public. These defendants, however, diminish the sacrifices of other law enforcement officers.

"Law enforcement officers are rightfully held to a higher standard and, on the rare occasions when officers don't meet that s standard, they will be held accountable.

"The Cullman County District Attorney's Office would like to think the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation, particularly Agent Jamie King, who led this investigation. We would also like to think the Alabama Attorney General's Office, Alabama Ethics Commission Investigator Chris McKay, Cullman Police Department and Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry and his investigators for their assistance as well."

**The grand jury made the following findings and recommendations on Friday, Feb. 14:**

**1.** That any current or former officer of Hanceville Police Department indicted be suspended from law enforcement by the Alabama Peace Officers Standards & Training Commission.

**2.** That the Hanceville Police department be immediately abolished.

**3.** That another law enforcement agency, whether state or local, be tasked with protecting the citizens of Hanceville.

**4.** Based upon the investigation by State Bureau of Investigation, we find that the Hanceville Police Department is a particular and ongoing threat to public safety.

**5.** There is a rampant culture of corruption in the Hanceville PD which has recently operated as more of a criminal enterprise than a law enforcement agency.

**6.** That the Hanceville PD has abused public trust by its failure of oversight, lack of leadership and negligent training and hiring.

**7.** That the Hanceville police department has failed to account for, preserve and maintain evidence and in doing so has failed crime victims and the public at large. The evidence is unusable.

**8.** This grand jury toured the Hanceville Jail on Feb 12, 2025. We have zero confidence in the Hanceville police department's ability to maintain a jail or to meet basic health and safety needs of jail personnel or inmates.

**9.** That the death of former Hanceville dispatcher Chris Willingham is the direct result of Hanceville Police Department's negligence, lack of procedure, general incompetence, and disregard for human life.

During Wednesday's press conference, Crocker said, "They reviewed the evidence for days and they weren't afraid to ask tough questions. This grand jury upheld their oaths on behalf of the citizens of Cullman County and they were unanimous in all their recommendations and they were unanimous in all the indictments that have been listed.

"One of the most concerning things that we discovered in this process was that Hanceville Police Department's evidence room was not secure. Criminal evidence must be secured in order to have that evidence for prosecution and to ensure due process. This evidence room was anything but secure."

**Also on Wednesday, the City of Hanceville released a statement:**

**Statement from the City of Hanceville**

"The City of Hanceville is committed to providing its citizens with the best possible community. Our City Council, Public Works Department, Fire Department, Parks and Recreation Department, City Hall, and all other divisions work diligently to create a city we can all be proud of. Unfortunately, the Hanceville Police Department has fallen short in its mission to serve the people.

"As mayor, alongside the City Council, I assure you that we will continue to fully cooperate with all investigations and authorities. The people of Hanceville deserve full transparency regarding the extent of these issues. The Council will carefully consider all recommendations and act swiftly and decisively to address the problems within the Police Department. Our citizens, industries, and businesses deserve a resolution, and we will pursue and implement the necessary corrective actions openly and aggressively. We deeply regret the negative impact this situation has had on our community and the hard-working employees of our city.

"The City of Hanceville employs many dedicated individuals across various departments who provide quality services to our citizens and Cullman County. It is unfortunate that the actions of a few have tarnished our city's good name. Those entrusted with serving and protecting our community must be individuals of integrity and honor. While the vast majority of police officers and deputies are dedicated public servants, the misconduct of a few casts a shadow on the profession. Such individuals must be held accountable without delay. We will uncover the truth, and justice will be served.

"I have spoken with District Attorney Crocker and informed him of our agreement that the evidence room should be audited by the appropriate authorities. At this time, I am unable to comment further, as we do not want to jeopardize the ongoing investigations or hinder the prosecution of those responsible.

"Sincerely,
"Jim Sawyer
"Mayor
"City of Hanceville"

# City of Cullman unveils 1st green parking lot for events

**Staff Reports**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — The City of Cullman this week announced the completion of its first-ever green parking lot, marking what it says is a significant step toward sustainable urban development. "This innovative low-impact development (LID) project showcases the City's commitment to environmental stewardship and efficient land use," the City said in a statement.

**The new parking lot, located at the corner of Second Avenue Northeast and Young Street Northeast, features:**

- 193 total parking spots, including eight ADA-compliant spaces
- 100% pervious surface, allowing for natural water infiltration
- Heavy-duty grid system capable of supporting loads over 5,000 lbs.
- 10 newly planted oak trees for enhanced aesthetics and shade

The parking lot's design incorporates a heavy-duty grid system, backfilled with top soil and seeded to create a fully permeable surface.

"This innovative approach maximizes parking capacity while eliminating the need for traditional stormwater management systems, which often consume valuable real estate," said Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs.

**According to the City, the green parking lot offers numerous benefits, including:**

- Reduced stormwater runoff and improved water quality
- Enhanced aesthetic appeal with integrated vegetation



CITY OF CULLMAN

*An aerial view of Cullman's new green parking lot on the corner of Second Avenue Northeast and Young Street Northeast*

- Efficient land use without compromising parking capacity

"By implementing this LID parking solution, Cullman joins the ranks of forward-thinking municipalities embracing sustainable stormwater management practices," said the statement. "This project not only addresses immediate parking needs but also contributes to long-term environmental and community benefits."

# Cullman City Council: Updated 1st quarter revenue report shows economic impact of Christkindlmarkt

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — The Cullman City Council on Monday corrected its statement from earlier in the month about revenues for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2025, noting a substantial increase in income from the initial report. The City's first report for October through December 2024 noted a slight decrease in revenues (dropping by $179,201 or 1.2% from FY2024) and a decrease in expenses (decreased capital spending bringing expenses down by 18.7%), but the report did not include revenue figures from the 2024 Cullman Christkindlmarkt, which had not been completed and submitted by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism. Those numbers made a remarkable difference.

While the updated report still shows October and November revenues around 1% below last year, December and January (much of Christkindlmarkt's revenue was not totaled until January, and so went on that month's report) were up from $4,938,454.13 in FY2024 to $5,821,988.31 in FY2025, a 17.89% increase.

Though local vendors' totals lumped together their Christkindlmarkt income with regular retail sales, CPRST Executive Director Nathan Anderson estimated that the event itself accounted for $7-8 million in additional taxable sales, including a confirmed $3.5 million in sales by out-of-town vendors.

Cullman's Christkindlmarkt launched modestly at the end of calendar year 2022, early in FY2023. Comparing December/January of FY2025 to December/January FY2022 (the last year before the market), revealed a notable difference:

- December/January FY2022 had $4,659,554.51 in tax revenue
- December/January FY2025 had $5,821,988.31 in tax revenue

In the years since the creation of the Cullman Christkindlmarkt, the City has experienced a 24.9% increase in sales tax revenues during the Christmas season of December to January, from the market and other sources.

**Other council business**

**The council approved:**

- A special event request from Amanda Garrison of Sonic for a drive-in car show on the first Fridays of April, May, June, August and September 2025 from 6-8 p.m. each day
- A resolution to enter into a contract with Sain Associates for surveying services
- An ordinance (on the first reading by suspension of regular rules) to annex property located at 586 County Road 1329 into the city as a low-density residential district

The Cullman City Council typically meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the Cullman City Hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

# Marshall: Tackling violent crime backlogs will make Alabama safer with new Speedy Trial Act

**Staff Reports**
Contributor

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** — Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall applauded the introduction of Senate Bill 176 and House Bill 307, also known as the Speedy Trial Act, legislation he said is aimed at expediting trials for violent criminal cases, reducing court backlogs and ensuring swift justice for victims.

"This crucial reform will be sponsored by Senator Will Barfoot (R-Pike Road), Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Representative Jim Hill (R-Moody), Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. The measure is a decisive step toward enhancing public safety, respecting victims of crime, securing witnesses, and ultimately, ensuring that justice is served in an efficient manner," said a media release from Marshall's office.

"Speedy trials are a constitutional guarantee for a defendant," said Marshall, "but no one deserves swift justice more than a crime victim.

"When violent criminals remain in our communities due to prolonged trial delays, the risk of reoffending rises.

"And the longer a criminal case sits, the assurance of justice steadily diminishes. Senate Bill 176 and House Bill 307, the Speedy Trial Act, offer a simple solution to a distinct problem."

"We appreciate the attorney general taking positive steps to help us address the criminal case backlog," said Chief Justice Sarah Stewart.

"We have been collaborating with our presiding judges, law enforcement, district attorneys, and public defenders' offices to coordinate getting these cases ready for trial.

"Keeping Alabama families safe in their homes and businesses is the primary initiative of our administration."

**According to Marshall:**

- Prioritizing violent crime cases: By expediting trials, this legislation ensures that dangerous offenders do not walk free as the result of judicial backlogs, reducing the risk of reoffending.
- Protecting victims and witnesses: Long delays force victims and witnesses to live in fear while memories fade and evidence deteriorates. The Act ensures that their testimonies remain fresh and that they receive justice in a timely manner.
- Reducing court backlogs: Some Alabama courts face overwhelming caseloads, particularly in violent crime cases. The Act empowers the chief justice to assign visiting judges at the request of a district attorney or the attorney general, with requests processed within 30 days to swiftly address case congestion.
- Strengthening public trust: Delayed justice erodes confidence in the criminal justice system. By guaranteeing timely trials, Senate Bill 176 and House Bill 307 reassures Alabama's communities that the system is working to protect them.

While Alabama law currently allows the state Supreme Court to appoint special judges, there is no dedicated mechanism to request additional judicial resources specifically to address backlogs in violent crime cases, according to Marshall, who said Senate Bill 176 and House Bill 307 fill this gap efficiently and cost-effectively.

The Act also establishes the Speedy Trial Fund, ensuring financial resources are available to cover special judges, court reporters and additional juries — preventing logistical delays and ensuring trials move forward without hindrance, he said.

"This legislation is about more than speed — it's about justice, fairness, and ensuring our courts serve the people effectively," said Marshall. "By holding violent offenders accountable without needless delays, we send a clear message: Alabama takes public safety seriously."

# Pet of the Week: Put a bounce in your day with Katie

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Meet Katie, a 5-month-old domestic shorthair who is The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

She is an amazing friend who demonstrates great listening skills. She relaxes with you while her gentle purr is forever soothing.

Katie mostly enjoys snuggling and purring; she would be the perfect reading/companion/therapy cat!

One of Katie's caretakers said, "I fell in love with her way of being...tranquil with joy in her heart."

Her adoption fee is $100, which includes spay, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Please feel free to stop by the shelter to meet Katie; however, if she's already adopted she encourages all to visit with other pets waiting for their forever homes.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

***Katie***

# Tucker Gambrill of Cullman selected as Culverhouse Ambassador at The University of Alabama

**Jennifer Brady**
University of Alabama

**TUSCALOOSA, Ala.** — The Culverhouse Ambassadors are the official student representatives, tour guides and recruitment agents for The University of Alabama's Culverhouse College of Business.

These members, including Cullman's Tucker Gambrill, join following a competitive selection process and are recognized as the most qualified undergraduate students in the college.

**2025-2026 Culverhouse Ambassadors**

- Charlie Beth Pruett, President
- Kate Wills, Vice President of Marketing
- Noah Bush, Vice President of Member Engagement
- Kelby Olson, Vice President of Operations
- Alex Ahearn
- Andrew Allen
- Molly Amick
- Ciara Andrew
- Jacob Bailey
- Edward Barze
- Addison Bell
- Jill Byrne
- McClain Cameron
- Caleb Claiborne
- Reggie Clifton
- Harris Cooper
- Leo Denning
- Michael Dobbs
- Tucker Gambrill
- Josh Harvey
- Alex Hatfield
- Allison Hill
- Hunter Hughes
- Lillian Leitner
- Walker Moorman
- Kelley Pham
- Brian Pupecki
- Keely Rider
- Trent Roberts
- Alex Schifer
- Jonas Scofield
- Ariana Smith
- Madi Tomlin
- Eyces Tubbs
- Loie Whiting

The University of Alabama, part of The University of Alabama System, is the state's flagship university. UA shapes a better world through its teaching, research and service. With a global reputation for excellence, UA provides a forward-thinking environment and over 200 degree programs on a beautiful, student-centered campus. A leader in cutting-edge research, UA advances discovery, creative inquiry and knowledge through more than 30 research centers. As the state's largest higher education institution, UA drives economic growth in Alabama and beyond.



# LEGALS

**MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE**

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on November 19, 2021 by Daniel Howard, a single individual, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1992, Page 154 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on March 7, 2025:

All that part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 9 South, Range 4 West and more particularly described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 4 West; thence North 89 degrees 00 minutes West 1330.63 feet to the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning continue North 89 degrees 00 minutes West 131.66 feet; thence South 26 degrees 33 minutes 17 seconds West 260.44 feet to a point on the North right-of-way of Alabama Highway 157; thence South 67 degrees 45 minutes 05 seconds East along said right-of-way 167.97 feet; thence South 70 degrees 29 minutes East along said right-of-way 9 feet; thence North 15 degrees 48 minutes 02 seconds East 308.94 feet to the true point of beginning and containing 1.0 acre, more or less, in Cullman County, Alabama.

LESS & EXCEPT:
A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 21, Township 9 South, Range 4 West, identified as Tract No. 19 on Project No. NHF-398(43) in Cullman County, Alabama and being more fully described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence westerly along the north line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 1 meter, more or less, to the southeast property line; thence southwesterly along said southeast property line a distance of 63 meters, more or less, to a point that is 20 meters northeasterly of and at right angles to the centerline of said project and the point of beginning of the property herein to be conveyed; thence continuing southwesterly along said southeast property line a distance of 30 meters, more or less, to the present northeast right-of-way tine of Alabama Highway No. 157; thence northwesterly along said present northeast right-of-way line a distance of 54 meters, more or less, to the northwest property line; thence northeasterly along said northwest property line a distance of 35 meters, more or less, to a point on a line which extends from a point that is 45 meters northeasterly of and at right angles to said centerline at Station 44+60 to a point that is 20 meters northeasterly of and at right angles to said centerline at Station 44+20; thence Southeasterly along said line a distance of 9 meters, more or less, to said point that is 20 meters northeasterly of and at right angles to said less, to said point that is 20 meters northeasterly or along a curve to the left centerline at Station 44+20; thence southeasterly along a curve to the left (concave northeasterly) having a radius of 930 meters, parallel with said centerline, a distance of 40 meters, more or less, to the point of beginning and containing 0.156 hectare, more or less.

ALSO LESS & EXCEPT ALL THAT PART OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY THAT OVERLAPS THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY: A tract of land being in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 21 and the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, described as: Commencing at the northeast corner of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼; thence westerly along said quarter-quarter section line 1212.63 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue westerly along said line 120 feet; thence S 15°48'02" W 308.94 feet to the northerly right of way of Alabama No. 157 highway; thence southeasterly along said right of way 154 feet; thence N 09°36' E 346 feet to the point of beginning.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
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Birmingham, Alabama 35205
The Cullman Tribune-February 13, 20, 27, 2025

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Delishie A Lockamy Marriedrandy D Hill to Household Finance Corporation of Alabama dated November 21, 2007; said mortgage being recorded on November 29, 2007, in Book 1545, Page 550 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. by assignment recorded in Deed Book 339, Page 989 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.
The undersigned, J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp., under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 10th day of March, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
ALL OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, LYING NORTH OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 1391 (ALSO KNOWN AS GRANT ROAD).

LESS AND EXCEPT: A TRACT OF LAND LYING IN THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 AND THENCE S 2 DEG. 01 MIN. E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NW ' OF NW 1/4, 372.12 FEET TO A POINT THAT IS 210 FEET NORTH OF THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 1391, WHICH IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN WHICH IS N 28 DEG, 51 MIN. W 238.40 FEET FROM THE CENTER OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 1391; THENCE S 28 DEG. 51 MIN. E 218.40 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN; THENCE CONTINUE S 28 DEG. 51 MIN. E 20.00 FEET TO THE CENTER OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 1391; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER OF ROAD HAVING A CHORD OF N 45 DEG. 55 MIN. 30 SEC. E. 223.95 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4; THENCE N 2 DEG. 01 MIN. W ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 27.05 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 1391; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF SAID QUARTER 210 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PINS ARE MARKED "GURNEY L.S. #11083.

LESS AND EXCEPT: A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 4.24 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LYING IN THE W 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 33 AND THENCE S 2 DEG. 01 MIN. E. ALONG THE SECTION LINE, 987.03 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN, THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S 2 DEG. 01 MIN. E ALONG SAID SECTION LINE, 565.97 FEET TO THE CENTER OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 1391; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER OF ROAD, 570 FEET, MORE OR LESS. AND HAVING A CHORD OF N 55 DEG. 12 MIN. 19 SEC. E 567.21 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN; THENCE N 25 DEG. 38 MIN. W 257.00 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN; THENCE N 88 DEG. 26 MIN. W 374.67 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PINS ARE MARKED "GURNEY L.S. #11083".

ALSO CONTAINING A TRACT OF LAND: BOOK 450 PAGE 354 CONTAINING 1.56 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LYING IN THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 33 AND THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE SECTION LINE, 1500 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE CENTER OF GRANT ROAD; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER OF ROAD, 730 FEET, MORE OR LESS, AND HAVING A CHORD OF N 53 DEG. 27 MIN. E 724.0 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN, THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER OF ROAD, 135 FEET, MORE OR LESS, AND HAVING A CHORD OF N 43 DEG. 12 MIN. E 134.04 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN; THENCE N 25 DEG. 38 MIN. W 523.48 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN; THENCE S 64 DEG. 22 MIN. W 125.00 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN; THENCE S 25 DEG. 38 MIN. E 571.88 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PINS ARE MARKED "GURNEY L.S. #11083.
SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR GRANT ROAD ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY.
DESCRIPTION IS THAT CONTAINED IN A SURVEY BY FRANKLIN W. GURNEY, AL REG. #11083, DATED AUGUST 30, 1996.

Said property is commonly known as 320 County Road #1391, Falkville, AL 35622.
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.
Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

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File No. 9249220
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**REQUEST FOR COMPETITVE PROPOSALS**

The City of Cullman is currently accepting competitive bid proposals for the Design and Build Services with a base bid to construct **a 10,000 square foot (100'x100') Pre-Engineered Metal Building (PEMB) hangar with an attached 3,200 square foot office building** and **a 1,600 square foot building with a large open area that has an interior ceiling with a minimum height of twenty feet in the clear**. All competitive bid proposals must be submitted on time and meet the criteria set forth in the RFP instructions to be considered. All bid bonds, performance bonds, business licensing, state licensing, insurance requirements, and other bonding requirements must be included with the competitive bid proposal. The Cullman Regional Airport, the City of Cullman, and the Cullman County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals. The Cullman Regional Airport, the City of Cullman, and the Cullman County Commission accept no responsibility for expenses incurred in the preparation, the presentation, and/or any other expenses related to the submittal of a competitive bid proposal. Such expenses shall be borne exclusively by the contractor submitting the bid proposal. All sealed bid proposals are due by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2025, at Cullman City Hall in the Council Chambers located at 204 2nd Avenue, NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055 and at said time shall be opened publicly and read aloud. Interested parties can obtain all information about this project from the Airport General Manager Ben Harrison by emailing bharrison@cullmanal.gov.

STATE OF ALABAMA ) IN THE PROBATE COURT
) IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JUDY MCCUTCHEON, DECEASED
CULLMAN COUNTY ) Case Number PC2025-017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to James McCutcheon as Personal Representative of the Estate of Judy McCutcheon, deceased, on the 3rd day of February 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Jeffrey S. Brown
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 2688
Decatur, Alabama 35602-2688

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
BARBARA LANEY, * CASE NO.: PC2024-445
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary for Barbara Laney, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 3rd day of February, 2025 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

C. Blake West
Personal Representative

Amanda Schafner, Attorney for Petitioner
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Amanda@SchafnerLaw.com
(256) 490-3004

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
M.K.W., * CASE NO.: JU 22-558.02
a minor, DOB: 02-11-2022. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

The unknown father of the above child born to Angel Kay Lamey on February 11, 2022, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources by the 27 day of March, 2025, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 12th day of February, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
1220 St. Joseph Street NW
Cullman, AL 35056

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Cullman, AL 35055
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
M.K.W., * CASE NO.: JU 22-558.02
a minor, DOB: 02-11-2022. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

KEVIN PAUL WINSLOW, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to a minor child born on February 11, 2022, to Angel Kay Lamey by the 27 day of March, 2025, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 12th day of February, 2025.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of )
)
TIMOTHY PAUL KIMBRELL ) Case No.: PC-2024-315
)
Deceased )

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Glenda Kay Waid as Personal Representative of the Estate of Timothy Paul Kimbrell, deceased, on the 11th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Glenda Kay Waid
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Timothy Paul Kimbrell, deceased

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the foregoing notice one a week for 3 consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Beverly Paschal Poston (PAS001)
Attorney for the Estate of
Timothy Paul Kimbrell, deceased.
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Cullman, Alabama, 35055
bposton@beverlypaschalposton.com
(256)739-3970

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate
Cullman County, Alabama

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
ROBERT LEE HARE, SR., * CASE NO. PC 2024 – 182
Deceased. *

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary, having been granted to Melba Murphree Harris as Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert Lee Hare, Sr., deceased, on the 11th day of February, 2025, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Melba Murphree Harris
Personal Representative

Douglas E. Harris
DOUGLAS E. HARRIS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC
95 County Road 1682
Cullman AL 35058

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
611 7th Street SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Attorneys for Personal Representative

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of )
JOHN BURT MCALPIN ) CASE NO.: PC 2024 - 304
Deceased. )

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Christopher McAlpin, as Administrator of the Estate of John Burt McAlpin, deceased, on the 19th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Christopher McAlpin

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
611 Seventh Street, SW
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 841-7800

Attorney for Administrator

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Haley Jenice Gaines An Unmarried Woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for CIS Financial Services, Inc., dba CIS Home Loans, its successors and assigns dated January 14, 2019; said mortgage being recorded on January 28, 2019, in Book 1869, Page 74 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to CIS Financial Services, Inc. by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2111, Page 250 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.
The undersigned, CIS Financial Services, Inc., under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 20th day of March, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
A PARCEL OF LAND BEING IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA. DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE ALONG THE EAST FORTY LINE S0-47' 28" E 485.63 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2" REBAR BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID FORTY LINE S0-47' 28" E 105.00 FEET TO A FOUND 1" IRON. THENCE S82-38' 13" W 420.20 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2" REBAR. THENCE N0-47' 28" W 105.00 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2" REBAR. THENCE N82-38' 13" E 420.20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING 1.006 ACRES MORE OR LESS, LESS AND EXCEPT ALL POWERLINE RIGHT OF WAYS AND ALL OTHER RIGHT OF WAYS AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

Said property is commonly known as 130 County Road 532, Hanceville, AL 35077.
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

CIS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
as holder of said mortgage
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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS AND FOR BIDS FROM BIDDERS WHO ARE PREQUALIFIED**

**Prequalification Proposals (Letters of Interest (LOI) and Statements of Qualifications (SOQ))** from General Contractors (Construction Service Firms) shall be submitted and will be received by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama ("Board"), at the Wesley A. James Operations Center, 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL 36618-0249; UNTIL 2:00 PM, LOCAL TIME, March 14, 2025, for the following project**: CWSRF Contract No. CS010281-19, ESLAVA CREEK FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT SLIPLINING OF EXISTING 48 INCH FORCE MAIN – PHASE 4: STATION 29 + 20 (NEAR CELL TOWER) TO STATION 111 + 06 (AVENUE C), McCrory & Williams, Inc Project No. M5712-2650** for consideration of approval to bid this project. Prequalified Bidders will be notified in writing on or about March 15, 2025**,** at which time Bid and Construction Documents will be made available to bidders. Instructions for SOQ packages may be inspected at the Board's offices at 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL, or requested at the offices of McCrory & Williams, Inc, 3207 International Drive, Suite G, Mobile, Alabama 36606.
As one of the conditions of submitting a SOQ, it must be understood that knowledge and experience is extremely important. Therefore, the construction firm will have to submit evidence and proof acceptable to the Board of their ability, knowledge, experience, training of supervisory personnel and labor, and will be required to submit evidence and proof that construction firm has performed work of a similar nature within the last twenty-four (24) months and that such work was satisfactorily and safely completed.
Qualifications of any sub-contractor(s) used to obtain prequalification status are to be included in the firm's statement of qualifications. Contractors should pay special attention to the Board's Supplier Diversity Program requirements to ensure prequalification packages include the required documentation as to participation of diverse sub-contractor(s) and suppliers to meet the Board's goals of the Contractor's good faith efforts to secure such participation.
The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive technical errors, and/or abandon this process if, in their judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.
All General contractors seeking prequalification status are required to submit the prequalification documents enclosed and clearly marked on the outside of the package as follows: **"CONFIDENTIAL – STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS – ESLAVA CREEK FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT SLIPLINING OF EXISTING 48 INCH FORCE MAIN – PHASE 4: STATION 29 + 20 (NEAR CELL TOWER) TO STATION 111 + 06 (AVENUE C)" Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama ATTN: Douglas L. Cote, PE, Assistant Director of Operations, 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL 36618-0249.**
**Sealed bid proposals will be received only from Prequalified General Contractor Bidders** by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama ("Board"), at Wesley A. James Operations Center, 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL 36618-0249; UNTIL 12:00 PM LOCAL TIME; ON MONDAY, April 7, 2025, and then publicly opened and r**ead at 1:00 p.m.**
The Work of the project includes, but is not limited to the following:
Sliplining of approximately 7,500 LF of 36" HDPE sanitary sewer forcemain pipe into existing 48" PCCP pipe
Numerous connections utilizing ductile iron fitting and PVC pipe will be required as the existing PCCP pipe contains bends and interconnections.
Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Consulting Engineer, upon payment of $200.00 for each (printed) set. Said cost represents the cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution, therefore no refund will be granted. Checks shall be made payable to "McCrory & Williams, Inc." Bid documents will be mailed only upon receipt of deposit. No Contract Documents will be issued later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to bid submission time.
Refer to MAWSS Policy No. DBE 16-01 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Policy for Public Works Act Contracts, which states that contractors shall make a demonstrated good faith effort to award **fifteen percent (15%)** of the contract amount to certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises as subcontractors and/or suppliers performing commercially useful functions which are consistent with contract requirements. Further information for requirements during the bidding and contract performance phases are provided in Policy No. DBE 16-01 and should be considered by prospective bidders. **Also, bidders must list all DBE subcontractors and suppliers on the provided Subcontracting Plan form to be submitted with the package.**
A **Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** will be held at the MAWSS Main Training Room at the Park Forest Facility, 4725A Moffett Road, Mobile, AL 36618 on March 19, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. Local Time, to discuss bidding and project requirements. Prospective prequalified bidders and subcontractors are required to attend.
Bids must be submitted on the standard forms included with the Contract Documents. The following contract bid documents, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Subcontracting Plan, SSO and Unpermitted Discharge Prevention Notification, and any addendum attachments shall be printed on yellow color paper and tabbed. The Contractor shall be responsible for preparing its bid package in accordance with this guideline.
The Owner's intent is to use funding through the Clean Water State Revolving Loan for this project. Additional requirements beyond those of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama and the State of Alabama bid law are included in this project and are outlined in Supplemental General Conditions for SRF Assisted Wastewater Facilities Construction Contracts of the project specifications.
Envelopes containing bids must be sealed and delivered to the Director, Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama, Wesley A. James Operations Center, 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL 36618-0249: "Bid for Constructing CWSRF Contract No. CS010281-19, ESLAVA CREEK FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT SLIPLINING OF EXISTING 48 INCH FORCE MAIN – PHASE 4: STATION 29 + 20 (NEAR CELL TOWER) TO STATION 111 + 06 (AVENUE C) McCrory & Williams, Inc Project No. M5712-2650, to be opened at 1:00 p.m., Local Time, April 7, 2025 ". The Bidder's Alabama State Contractor's License Number and discipline shall be on the envelope.
Bid guarantee in the form of certified check, bid bond, or Irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the Board will be required for at least 5% of the bid amount**, not to exceed $10,000.**
The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received.
**THIS INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS AND FOR BIDS FROM BIDDERS WHO ARE PREQUALIFIED IS CONDENSED FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS CAN BE FOUND IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.**

THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER
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MOBILE, ALABAMA

# St. Paul's Benefit Dinner & Auction to honor longtime church secretary Sue Westerfield

**Gauge Day**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School will host its annual Benefit Dinner & Auction on Saturday, March 1, at 5 p.m. at The Venue at Cotton Creek. Individual tickets are $50, and a table for six is $325. The evening will include a catered meal by Johnny's Bar-B-Q and an auction featuring handmade goods crafted by church members and donations from local businesses.

A highlight of the event will be the presentation of the IMPACT Award, an honor given to individuals who have made significant contributions to the school and community.

This year's recipient is Sue Westerfield, a longtime church secretary and supporter of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School. The IMPACT award will be presented by Reverend John M. Bussman, senior pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran, while the evening's emcee will be her goddaughter, Chandra Shikle.

For nearly five decades, Westerfield has been an integral part of St. Paul's, serving behind the scenes with quiet dedication and steadfast support.

"Sue Westerfield has been such a blessing to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School. Truly, I don't know St. Paul's without Sue!" said Emily Trahan, former creative services director at St. Paul's Lutheran School. "My family moved up from Birmingham in 1994 and transferred our church membership to St. Paul's, and I started school here in 1995. From the very beginning, Sue was a constant presence, always there, always supporting and always serving."

The IMPACT Award has previously been presented to Fred Heinze, Michael Heatherly, Martha Blanton and Coach Jim Taylor, all individuals who have left a lasting mark on the church and school community.

Through the years, Westerfield has been there for every award presentation, celebrating and supporting each recipient. Now, it is her turn to be honored.

Westerfield's contributions to St. Paul's extend far beyond her title as church secretary.

She has been a steady and guiding presence for generations of students, faculty and church members.

"Her impact has been one of quiet but unwavering support.

"I don't think we will ever fully grasp the depth of what she has done for our church and school because she doesn't seek recognition," Trahan explained. "She is a private person, and the generosity she has shown has always been given without fanfare, no expectation of praise, just a heart dedicated to doing the Lord's work."

Trahan recalled Westerfield's influence throughout her own life, from childhood to adulthood.

"In Confirmation class, if I forgot a pen or pencil, I'd pop across the hall to her office to borrow one, only to be gently reminded that I needed to come prepared next time. When it was my turn to serve as an acolyte, she patiently showed me how to change the wick in the taper for lighting the altar candles.

"If I had a question, about anything in the church or school, she had the answer. She carries so much of our history and institutional knowledge, and she shares it with such grace.

"When I moved back to Cullman in 2019 and began working for the school, Sue was once again right there, offering her quiet wisdom and steady encouragement," she continued.

"She had been a guiding figure in my childhood, and there she was again, helping me navigate this next chapter of my life."

To purchase tickets or for more information about the St. Paul's Benefit Dinner & Auction, visit www.st-paulscullman.com.

The Venue at Cotton Creek is located at 417 Third Ave. SW, Cullman, AL 35055.




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## Obituary Announcements: Feb. 18-19

**Steven Owens, 65**
Memorial Service for Steven J. Owens, age 65 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Steven Hastings officiating; Visitation will be from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Owens passed away on Friday, Feb. 7, 2025, at Princeton Baptist Medical Center. He was born, May 29, 1959, to Orville Owens and Azzlee Owens. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Margaret Lloyd, Dorothy King and Pat Cornelius; brothers, Charles Lloyd and Anthony Owens. Survivors include his wife, Gail Owens; daughter, April Owens (Tommy Hayes); son, B.J. (Ashley) Owens; grandchildren, Peyton Hayes, Luke Owens and Rhett Owens; brother Tim (Linda) Owens and Mother-in-law, Nellie Burks. In Lieu of flowers please make donations to the church of your choice.

**Marjorie Harris Bolzle, 91**
Marjorie Harris Bolzle, age 91, of Birmingham, Alabama, passed away on Feb. 11, 2025. She was born in Cullman, Alabama, on Sept. 12, 1933. She was the second child of William Henry Harris and Floy Burks Harris. Marj married Robert Toral Bolzle on Jan. 7, 1950, and graduated from Holly Pond High School that same year. Marj and Robert made their home in Birmingham, AL, and were married for 72 years. Marj was a longtime member of Eighty Fifth Street Baptist Church, which became Deerfoot Baptist. She served in the church library, as church historian, and as a greeter. She also volunteered at her children's schools and drove them to countless piano, swim, speech and dance lessons sewing many costumes and dresses by hand. She often hosted both church and school groups in her home. She worked as a switchboard operator at Sears, part time as a Kelly Girl, and in medical records at Hillcrest Hospital. Her grandchildren will remember her for fun times at the farm and her wonderful cooking skills, particularly her strawberry shortcake and chicken dressing. She was predeceased by her husband, her parents, two brothers, James Winfred Harris (Maxine), Wendell Ray Harris, and one sister, Ellen Harris Michael. She is survived by two daughters, Teresa Bolzle Griffin, and Tracy Bolzle Guice (Matt), four grandchildren, John Cameron Falkner, Tracy Kendall Falkner, Matthew Lee Guice, Jr (Katie) and Margaret Guice Gambril (Alan), and three great grandsons, James Alan Gambril, Harris Matthew Gambril and Wesley Lyon Gambril. She is also survived by two sisters, Ruth Harris Golden, Dianne Harris Crumbley (Jesse), sister-in-law Glenda Harris Twilley, and many other family members and friends. Services will be held at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Cullman, Alabama, on Friday, Feb. 21, 2025, with visitation at 1 p.m. and graveside services at 2 p.m. Marj was an avid reader. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jefferson County Public Library. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

**Elgin Luther Guthrie, 74**
Funeral service for Elgin Luther Guthrie, 74, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with interment in Lystra Baptist Cemetery, Rev. John Garrison officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Elgin went home to be with the Lord in Heaven on Feb. 18, 2025, at Huntsville Hospital. He was born on July 1,1950, in Cullman County to H.R. and Lois Marie Guthrie. Mr. Guthrie was a member of Lystra Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher. He was a decorated U.S. Army veteran, retiring as Sgt. 1st Class after 28 years of active service. He was a graduate of Fairview High School, class of 1968. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Eugene Guthrie, Elvin Guthrie and Edis Guthrie; sisters, Vivialene Moon, Imogene Nelms, Eldagene Roberson and Anita Guthrie. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Bobbie White Guthrie; daughter, Rhonda (Edwin) Hogan; grandsons, Brett (Lauren) Hogan and Blake Hogan; brother, Harlie Elwin (Cheryl) Guthrie; sisters, Willodean Jones and Sherry (Tony) Graves; a host of nieces, nephews, family, friends and church family. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to the Lystra Baptist Church building fund. Donations may be sent to 292 County Road 1693, Cullman, AL 35058. Pallbearers will be Brett Hogan, Blake Hogan, Brad Stapler, Corey Sizemore, David Chambers and Richard Chambers.

**Geraldine M. Simpkins, 84**
Graveside Service for Geraldine M Simpkins, age 84 of Guntersville, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Cemetery; burial at Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Simpkins passed away on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at St. Vincent's Hospital. She was born, May 22, 1940 to William Henderson Brooks and Mable Virginia Brooks. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James William Simpkins; son, William Stewart Morris; brothers, David, Donald, and Ronald Brooks; sisters, Carolyn Deese and Cindy Brooks. Survivors include her grandchildren, Brooke (Allen) Oser and Cassie (Doug) Hurt; great grandchildren, Austin Couey, Isaac and Lillian Oser, Baylie Hall, Nora Hurt; sister, Janice Hope and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, P.O. Box 2002 Milford, NH 03055-9700.

**Glenda Faye Kelsoe, 84**
Funeral Service for Glenda Faye Kelsoe, age 84 of Falkville, will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bill Stone officiating; burial at Springhill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Kelsoe passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025, at Summerford Nursing Home. She was born, Aug. 2, 1940, to Clarence Cordar and Alice Cordar. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Orvis Clayton Kelsoe; grandchildren, Jennifer Nelson and Richard Nelson; and brothers, Charles, Jerry, and Roger Cordar. Survivors include her children: Rebecca Chandler, Judy Nelson, Vicky (Mike) Reynolds, Rhonda Sheats, Wayne (Glenda) Kelsoe, and Edith (Dwight) Oaks; grandchildren, David Lee, Eric Nelson, Shirley Nelson, Bethany McCurly, Shanna Freeman, Keitha Sullivan, Cody Kelsoe, Jacob Oaks; 16 Great grandchildren; sisters, Carolyn Greenway, Wanda Hampton, Tina Powers, and Donna Holton; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Pallbearers will be Jacob Oaks, Wesley Freeman, Cody Kelsoe, Justin Nelson, David Sullivan and Eric Nelson.

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